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Title: **SELF-LOCKING**)
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 FASTENING DEVICE))
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Conf. No.: 1960))
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application and in response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2006, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks toward reconsideration of the present application. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently with this Response.